

## Definitions

**Definition 1** Let us define the entropy of the finite valued random variable  $X \sim p$  as

$$H(p) = H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^L p(x_i) \log_2(p(x_i)), \quad H(0) = 0.$$

**Definition 2** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables assuming values in finite sets. Then the quantity

$$H(X|Y) = \sum_{i=1}^L H(X|Y = y_i) p(y_i)$$

is called the conditional entropy of the random variable  $X$  with respect to the random variable  $Y$ .

**Definition 3** The typical set  $A_\epsilon^n(X)$  is a set of sequences  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  such that

$$e^{-nH(X)+\epsilon} \geq p_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \geq e^{-nH(X)-\epsilon}$$

Questions and problems 1.

1. Prove that:
  - a)  $H(p) \geq 0$  for all probability distribution  $p$ ;
  - b)  $H(p) = 0$  if and only if  $p$  is degenerate distribution;
  - c)  $H(p) \leq \log_2 L$  with equality if and only if  $p$  is the uniform distribution.
  - d)  $H(X|Y) \leq H(X)$ ;
  - e)  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X) = H(Y) + H(X|Y)$ .
2. Let  $X$  be a random variable having the probability distribution

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2^x}, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots$$

Compute the entropy  $H(X)$ .

3. Select an integer  $X \in U\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and an integer  $Y|X = x \in U\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Compute the joint entropy  $H(X, Y)$  without using the joint distribution of the random variable  $(X, Y)$ .
4. Prove the following preposition:

**Proposition 1** If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed with the distribution  $p$ , then

$$-\frac{1}{n} \log_2 p_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow H(X)$$

in probability.

5. Verify three properties of the typical set:

a) if  $(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n$ , then

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) \propto e^{-nH(X) \mp \epsilon}$$

b)  $P(A_\epsilon^n) > 1 - \epsilon$  for  $n$  sufficiently large;

(a)  $|A_\epsilon^n| \geq e^{-nH(X) + \epsilon}$ .